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SUBJECT: POLICY ON RELEASE AND SALE OF USAF TECHNICAL ORDERS TO THE PUBLIC

1. AFR 8-2, AIR FORCE TECHNICAL ORDER SYSTEM, IS PRESENTLY UNDER REVISION AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED IN APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS. THAT REVISION WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING NEW POLICY GUIDANCE ON THE RELEASE AND SALE OF TECHNICAL ORDERS:

QUOTE POLICY FOR THE SALE AND RELEASE OF TOS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE AIR FORCE WILL MAINTAIN A SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING TOS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE PURCHASED THE SYSTEM OR EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE USAF OR OTHER US MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. CONTROLS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUAL TOS ARE RELEASABLE TO THE REQUESTING ACTIVITY, THAT SANITIZATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WHEN NECESSARY, AND FEES CHARGED ACCORDING TO AFRS 400-4, 5-16, 12-32, AND INTERIM TO PRICE GUIDANCE.

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{2} OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL BE PROVIDED TOS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF AFR 66-19.

{3} CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS WILL BE PROVIDED REQUIRED TOS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH AN AIR FORCE CONTRACT, OR TO BID ON AN AIR FORCE CONTRACT.

{4} TOS FOR SPECIFIC SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE USAF INVENTORY WILL NOT BE SOLD OR RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. THESE TOS ARE AN EXPLOITABLE RESOURCE AND DUE TO HIGH DEVELOPMENT COSTS ARE VALUABLE AIR FORCE PROPERTY. AS SUCH THEY ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED "RECORDS," AND ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM INFORMATION ACT (SEE AFR 12-30).

{5} THE REQUIREMENT TO MAKE CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND REPRODUCTION BY THE PUBLIC UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT TOS. THEY ARE EXCLUDED BY DODD 5400.7, ENCLOSURE 3, WHICH EXCLUDES "OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MUNITIONS EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS."

{6} THE AIR FORCE WILL SELL TO THE PUBLIC: METHODS AND PROCEDURES TOS; GENERAL TOS (SUCH AS WELDING OR PAINTING PRACTICES);

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AND SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT TOS FOR THOSE SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENTS WHICH ARE NO LONGER IN THE USAF OR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COUNTRIES' INVENTORIES. FEES WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDING TO AFR 12-32. (THESE TOS ARE NORMALLY RETAINED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS AFTER THE EQUIPMENT PHASES OUT OF USAF AND SA PROGRAM COUNTRIES' INVENTORIES).  
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2. THE ABOVE POLICY IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY.
3. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH AF/DAA AND AF/JACL.

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